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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Forest City Telecom, Inc.
CC Docket No. 96-45
Section 54.809 Carrier Certification

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 54.809 of the Commission's Rules, Forest City Telecom, Inc., a competitive local exchange carrier certified by the Iowa Utilities Board as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Forest City, Iowa, hereby certifies that all interstate access universal service support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

For your convenience, attached is a copy of Forest City Telecom, Inc.'s line count information which is concurrently being filed with USAC pursuant to Section 54.802 (a) of the Commission's Rules.

Please contact me at 641-592-5700 if should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Terry Wegener
General Manager

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cc: Irene M. Flannery
Vice President, High Cost & Low Income Division
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June 14, 2001

John Ricker
Executive Director
Universal Service Administrative Company
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Re: Forest City Telecom, Inc.
Initial Quarterly Report of Line Count Data

Dear Mr. Ricker:

Pursuant to Section 54.802(a) of the Commission's Rules and to establish its eligibility for receipt of Universal Service support Forest City Telecom, Inc., a competitive local exchange carrier certified by the Iowa Utilities Board as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Forest City, Iowa, (see attached order) hereby submits its initial quarterly submission of line count data. To the best of our knowledge, no UNE zones have been established in Iowa.

As of March 31, 2001, Forest City Telecom, Inc. served 1475 of residential/single-line business lines and 657 multi-line business lines in Forest City, Iowa. 100% of the working loops reported herein are provided entirely with Forest City Telecom, Inc.'s own facilities.

Please contact me at 641-592-5700 if should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Terry Wegener
General Manager

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FOREST CITY TELECOM, INC.

Docket No. IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2

"ORDER GRANTING WAIVER AND
DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE CARRIER"

Issued November 30, 1998

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CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing document has been served upon all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of the rules of the Iowa Utilities Board.

Dated November 30, 1998
Shelley L. Lewis

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

FOREST CITY TELECOM, INC.

DOCKET NO. IOWA ADMIN. CODE
199-39.2

**ORDER GRANTING WAIVER AND
DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE CARRIER**

(Issued November 30 , 1998)

On November 3, 1998, Forest City Telecom, Inc. (Forest City), filed a Request for Universal Service Eligible Carrier Status in Iowa. On November 12, 1998, Forest City resubmitted its request, providing an attested copy. Forest City requests the Board designate Forest City as an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 199-39.2(4) (1998).

Board rule 39.2 provides a means by which the Board can designate Iowa telecommunications companies to be eligible to receive funding from the universal service fund, as defined by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 254. Under the Act (and Federal Communications Commission regulations implementing the Act), the Board must determine that a carrier meets certain service requirements before it may be designated an eligible carrier, as set forth in rule 39.2(1). One of those requirements is toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers. However, certain local exchange carriers that previously sought and received eligible status informed the Board at the time of their application that they lack facilities to implement this requirement. Those local exchange carriers contended that

substantial new investments would be necessary to comply. Board rule 39.2(2), based upon 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(c), gives the Board authority to grant additional time to complete network upgrades if the applicant can show it cannot provide the service owing to exceptional circumstances. Accordingly, on December 3, 1997, the Board issued an "Order Granting Waivers And Designating Eligible Carriers" in Docket No. IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2(4), waiving the toll limitation requirement until the necessary technology is reasonably available and the Board has issued an order directing a statewide implementation schedule for toll limitation service. The Board has not yet found that the necessary technology is reasonably available and therefore has not issued an order directing statewide implementation for toll limitation service.

Forest City, by its present application, requests that it be granted eligible carrier status with the same waiver of the toll limitation requirement. Again, the Board finds that the toll limitation requirement should be waived until the necessary technology is reasonably available and the Board has issued an order directing a statewide implementation schedule for toll limitation service.

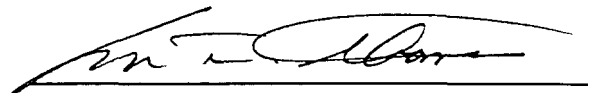
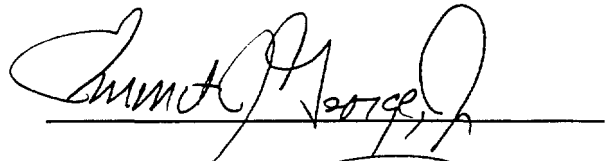
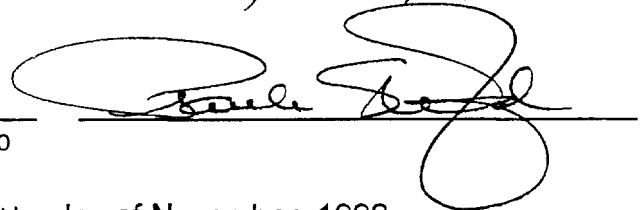
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Eligible telecommunications carrier status is granted to Forest City Telecom, Inc. The designated service area for Forest City shall be Forest City's service territory as established in its certificate of public convenience and necessity.
2. Waiver of the requirement in IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-39.2(1)(g) (1998) to provide toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers is granted until

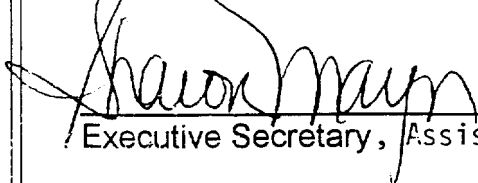
the technology necessary to implement toll limitation becomes reasonably available and the Board has issued an order directing a statewide implementation schedule.

3. The Executive Secretary of the Board shall mail copies of this order to Forest City, the Universal Service Administration Company, the FCC Universal Service Branch, and the FCC Office of the Secretary.

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ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon Munn", written over a horizontal line.
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 30th day of November, 1998.